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Dear Sir,

Attached please find my concerns and suggestions regarding Microsoft.

Regards,

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you to urge you and your Department and the federal government to end the political squabbling and endorse the proposed settlement in the Microsoft case.

This settlement will essentially force Microsoft not only to abandon its former so-called anti-competitive practices, but will also obligate the company to share its systems and its technology with its competitors. Windows will be designed now to accept non-Microsoft software. Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows systems products to other computer makers for uniform terms and conditions. Microsoft cannot retaliate against its competitors.

Most importantly this settlement will allow Microsoft to continue to exist as a corporate entity in the form that has made it a national and international technological giant. We need this company solid, solvent and at work. I hope to see the settlement in place soon.

Sincerely,

Lawrence G. Smith, Jr.